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1. FOLLOWING FEBRUARY 24 NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE BY DAVID  
BINDER ON NUCLEAR SUPPLIER ACTIVITIES IS FURNISHED FOR  
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YOUR INFORMATION:

WASHINGTON, FEBRUARY 23 - AN ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL DISCLOSED TODAY THAT THE UNITED STATES AND SIX OTHER MAJOR INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES, TO DISCOURAGE THE SPREAD OF ATOMIC WEAPONS, HAD CONCLUDED A SECRET AGREEMENT TO COOPERATE IN DEVELOPING NEW SAFEGUARDS AND CONTROLS ON EXPORTED NUCLEAR FACILITIES.

REPORTING TO THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON ARMS CONTROL, THE OFFICIAL, FRED C. IKLE, SAID THE AGREEMENT, COMPLETED LAST MONTH, COVERED NOT ONLY GUIDELINES FOR PREVENTING CIVILIAN NUCLEAR EXPORTS FROM BEING TURNED INTO ATOMIC WEAPONS, BUT ALSO FOLLOW-UP EFFORTS TO IMPROVE SAFEGUARDS.

MR. IKLE, THE DIRECTOR OF THE ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMA-

MENT AGENCY, WAS ASKED LAST MONTH TO NAME THE COUNTRIES AND DESCRIBE THE NATURE OF THE AGREEMENT BY SENATOR STUART SYMINGTON, THE SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN. THE DIRECTOR DECLINED TO GIVE THE INFORMATION.

A STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL EXPLAINED LATER THAT THE REASON FOR THE REFUSAL WAS THE RESTRICTION PLACED BY SEVERAL OF THE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES - NOTABLY, FRANCE - ON DISCLOSURE OF THESE DETAILS.

THE OFFICIAL SAID THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SEVEN COUNTRIES - IN ADDITION TO THE UNITED STATES, THEY ARE KNOWN TO BE THE SOVIET UNION, BRITAIN, WEST GERMANY, FRANCE, JAPAN AND CANADA - BEGAN MEETING IN LONDON NINE MONTHS AGO ON THE ISSUES OF NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION AND EXPORT CONTROLS.

THEIR MEETINGS WERE PROMPTED BY INDIA'S DETONATION IN 1974 OF A NUCLEAR DEVICE, USING FACILITIES EXPORTED FROM CANADA, BY THE DECISION OF WEST GERMANY LAST YEAR TO EXPORT NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY TO BRAZIL, AND BY A FRENCH DECISION TO EXPORT TECHNOLOGY TO SEVERAL OTHER COUNTRIES.

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THE INITIAL MEETINGS WERE CONCLUDED LAST NOVEMBER IN LONDON WITH AGREEMENT ON FOUR "PRINCIPLES" THAT WERE THEN SECRETLY RATIFIED BY THE SEVEN GOVERNMENTS, THE OFFICIAL SAID. FINALLY, EACH GOVERNMENT NOTIFIED THE SIX OTHERS THAT THE PRINCIPLES HAD BEEN ACCEPTED. THAT NOTIFICATION WAS CONCLUDED LAST MONTH.

IN HIS TESTIMONY, MR. IKLE SAID THE PRINCIPLES EMBRACED

AT LONDON, "DESIGNED TO INHIBIT THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS WHILE PERMITTING NUCLEAR EXPORTS OF EQUIPMENT TO MEET THE WORLD'S GROWING ENERGY NEEDS," WERE THE FOLLOWING:

RECIPIENTS OF ANY NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY FROM THE SEVEN COUNTRIES MUST APPLY INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTED SAFEGUARDS DRAWN UP BY THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY, REGARDLESS WHETHER THEY ARE PARTICIPANTS IN THE VIENNA-BASED ORGANIZATION.

RECIPIENTS MUST GIVE ASSURANCES THAT NUCLEAR FACILITY IMPORTS WILL NOT BE USED TO MAKE NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVES FOR ANY PURPOSE, EVEN FOR POTENTIAL EXCAVATION BY NUCLEAR EXPLOSION.

NUCLEAR IMPORTERS WILL NOT TRANSFER ANY MATERIALS OR

DUPLICATIONS OF EQUIPMENT TO THIRD COUNTRIES WITHOUT OBTAINING IDENTICAL ASSURANCES.

MR. IKLE SAID THESE WERE THE "MINIMUM STANDARDS" THAT THE SEVEN NATIONS HAD AGREED TO, AND THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS "PREPARED TO BE MORE STRINGENT WHEN APPROPRIATE."

THE AMERICAN AGENCY'S DIRECTOR TESTIFIED THAT THE SEVEN NUCLEAR-EXPORTING COUNTRIES HAD "COMMITTED" THEMSELVES TO CONTROL AND SAFEGUARD EFFORTS THAT INCLUDE COOPERATION ON PHYSICAL SECURITY, MEASURES FOR PROTECTING NUCLEAR MATERIAL IN TRANSIT, AND RECOVERY OF STOLEN NUCLEAR MATERIAL.

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IN ADDITION, MR. IKLE SAID, THE SEVEN AGREED TO HELP THE VIENNA AGENCY TO IMPROVE ITS INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARD ACTIVITIES, AND TO "ENCOURAGE THE DESIGNERS AND MAKERS OF SENSITIVE EQUIPMENT TO CONSTRUCT IT IN A WAY THAT WILL AID SAFEGUARDS."

WHILE DECLINING TO SPECIFY THE EXPORTING COUNTRIES, MR. IKLE DID DISCLOSE THAT PRESIDENT FORD HAD INTERVENED IN LATE 1974 TO DISCOURAGE THE SALE BY FRANCE TO SOUTH KOREA OF NUCLEAR-PROCESSING FACILITIES - A STEP TOWARD ACHIEVEMENT OF ABILITY TO MAKE ATOMIC WEAPONS. HE SAID MR. FORD HAD PERSONALLY EXPRESSED OBJECTIONS ABOUT THIS TO PRESIDENT VALERY GISCARD D'ESTAING DURING THEIR MEETING ON MARTINIQUE. SOUTH KOREA FINALLY CANCELED

THE PURCHASE LAST MONTH. KISSINGER

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